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I think it would be very important that we adopt the amendment that Senator Bereuter has offered. By this we're eliminating the problem of having stricter codes or less strict codes in other areas. I believe the Public Health, because they have done a credible job in the past on the mobile homes, I know and I'm convinced that this Department will do the right job in this area.

(Senator Simpson presiding)

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Bereuter, you wish to close your amendment.

SENATOR BEREUTER: I'd just like to say, Mr. President, that I hope we've convinced you that we're talking about the ability to enact more stringent codes, that in all probability a national code will be selected, and if it isn't that's the fault of the jurisdictions that are concerned about the quality of their housing for not making an input.

This is an amendment which will help provide reasonable housing to low and moderate income people. I hope you'll vote for it.

SENATOR SIMPSON: The motion is to adopt the Bereuter amendment to the standing committee amendments. All in favor say aye, opposed say nay. It is adopted. Now we have any further amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, now there's pending another motion to adopt an amendment as follows. (Read amendment offered by Senator Bereuter found on page 181 of Journal.)

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I'd like to explain the purposes of this two-part amendment to the committee amendments. The members have them distributed to their desks. I think they should be noncontroversial, although that's dangerous to say in this body. The first one simply restores the language found on page 4, Section 2, beginning on line 4 ... that's line 4 of page 4. I believe this section was probably stricken by an oversight when the section preceding it was struck. This is an attempt to provide some direction to the Department of Health when they prepare their codes. Specifically it says or encourages them to adopt a performance based code. This is similar, of course, to all the national codes.

I think this kind of direction to the Department of Health would do exactly what Senator Fowler, for instance, would like to do apparently, and that is to ensure that the quality of code that is adopted ultimately by the Board of Health is reasonable and will not provide for a deterioration of the standards of housing that's now available in our communities.